

**AUGUST 2001**  
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**AUGUST AGENDA**

Town Meeting: August 27, 7:00 p.m.  
Work Session immediately following  
Culver Amherst Bus Shelter Program

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

September 4, 7:00 p.m. Work Session  
September 24, 7:30 p.m. Town Meeting

**Reminder from Montgomery County Police**

Please keep all windows and doors on the first level of your homes locked at all times. Burglaries have been committed in our area.

**For Your Information**

Section 21-1122 of the

Transportation Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland  
Noise Limitations On Use of Sound Amplification Systems

*A driver of a vehicle may not operate or permit the operation of a sound amplification system from the vehicle that can be heard outside the vehicle from 50 feet or more. Any person convicted of this misdemeanor is subject to a fine of no more than \$500.00*

Contact us at 3710 Mitchell Street, Kensington, MD 20895. Phone: 301-949-2424  
FAX: 301-949-4925. E-mail: [mayor.council@tok.org](mailto:mayor.council@tok.org)

## Building Permits Issued

Signs at 10515 Connecticut Avenue and 10507 Metropolitan Avenue

Fence at 10736 Connecticut Avenue

Interior renovations for 3924 Prospect Street

Dumpster enclosure for 10550 Connecticut Avenue

Deck for 10300 Fawcett Street

## Town Meeting

July 30, 2001

Mayor Raufaste called the Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. with Council Members Bruch, Pfautz, Scharman and Code Enforcement Officer Hamilton present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Jendell Construction presented their renovation plans for the Rinaldi property located at 3514 Plyers Mill Road. Jendell Construction plans to refurbish the interior and exterior of the building. This will include a new storefront and new windows. Construction is to begin in September. Jendell attended the meeting for the approval from the Town of Kensington. The Council supported the proposal.

The Ahearn Property (3920 Baltimore Street) has all the permits from Montgomery County to build a garage in the back of the property. The property owner is requesting approval from the Council for a driveway curb cut.

Officials for Sunoco presented a modification to renovate the gas station on Connecticut Avenue. This will include a convenience store, a canopy and additional landscaping.

Montgomery County Police Department made a report regarding the cut-through traffic enforcement study done on Armory Avenue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 p.m.

## Council Actions

Council moved that minutes of June 21, 2001 Town Meeting will be reviewed and approved at the August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Council Member Bruch moved to approve a residential curb cut for a driveway apron in accordance with Montgomery County standards for 3920 Baltimore Street. It was seconded and passed unanimously with the Mayor in concurrence.

Council Member Bruch moved to grant a variance under Section 5-105 to Sunoco officials for a 25' setback for the building property line. Also for the building a 50' centerline setback off of Concord Street; for the pumps, islands and tanks, a 22-½ setback

variance from the centerline of Connecticut Avenue and a 25' setback from the adjacent property line. Motion failed for lack of a second. Council Member Bruch made a new motion to grant a variance (same variance as above) with the condition that the banding on the canopy and building will be a solid blue in a non-gloss matte finish material with a preference for wood in a non-metallic, non-gloss material. Council Members Bruch and Pfautz voted to approve the variance with Council Member Scharman abstaining. Mayor Raufaste concurred with the approval of the variance.

Council Member Pfautz moved that Chris Bruch be selected as Mayor Pro Tem of the Council. Seconded and passed unanimously.

## Work Session of Mayor & Council

July 30, 2001

The work session commenced at 10:20 p.m. Mayor Raufaste, Council Members Bruch, Pfautz and Scharman were present and the following issues were addressed:

The Project List was reviewed and updated.

Jack Jones suggested that a 15 miles per hour sign should be put at St. Paul Street. Jack Jones also suggested having designated parking at 45° angle. Council recommends speed bump mid-block.

The monthly correspondence was reviewed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

### Council Member Bruch's Report

The State Highway Administration (SHA) has repaired the southbound Connecticut to Knowles left turn signal loop so it operates only when cars are present.

I sent a request to SHA requesting that they consider adding a left turn arrow for westbound Knowles at Connecticut. It appears that cars tend to hesitate at the light not realizing they have the only green resulting in backups on Knowles.

I participated in several Commercial Development Review Committee meetings concerning Sunoco, Safeway and the Rinaldi property on Plyers Mill Road.

I prepared bid solicitation packages for the ADA alterations to the main level restrooms in the Armory building. An award for this work is anticipated in September.

So far 55 residents have expressed interest in the driveway improvement program. I hope to make contact with all interested residents in September, obtain pricing in October and implement the work before year-end. If you have questions about the program, contact me at home after 9:00 p.m.

Our contractor is currently installing concrete curb/gutter and resurfacing streets in several locations around the Town. Replacing every deteriorated asphalt curb with concrete curb/gutter is a top priority throughout the Town (we're almost there!).

### Council Member Scharman's Report

I met with Louise Hamilton to discuss the status of the Town trees and their maintenance. The priority for tree trimming will be to identify and trim trees impinging on traffic signs and pedestrian walkways since the Town crew is currently understaffed. If you have any concern relating to Town trees, please call Louise (301) 949-2424 or me (301) 946-8132.

I drafted a proposal for improvements to the athletic areas and parking for St. Paul Park so we can seek funding for this work. The proposal includes repaving the basketball court, walking path, and parking area as well as replacing the softball backstop and improving the drainage in the southeast corner of the park. If you would like to complete a brief (5-minute) survey form relating to the condition of or what you would like to see at St. Paul Park or any other Town parks, please call me.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Audit Committee needs a member who is a Certified Public Accountant. Please contact the Mayor if you are interested in volunteering for this Committee. The Committee meets and reviews the Audit Report each year and reports results to the Mayor and Council.

#### **CORRECTION**

Oops, we goofed. Many, many thanks to Margaret *Fitzpatrick*, for the skillful coordination of our annual Fourth of July Bike Parade!